
Sauk County's Older Population

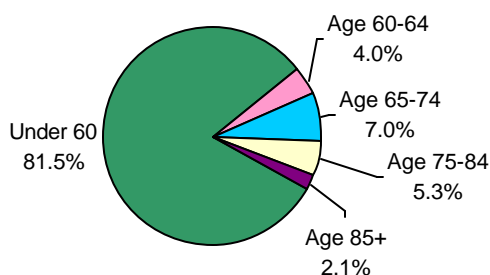
A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Sauk County is higher than that of the state as a whole (14.5% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been equal in this county to that of the state as a whole (7.9%). In all, 7,993 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 1,167 of these are age 85 or older. Sauk County's average (or median) age is 37.3 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Sauk County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	55,225		46,975		8,250	17.6%
Persons 60 and over	10,218	18.5%	9,456	20.1%	762	8.1%
Persons 65 and over	7,993	14.5%	7,410	15.8%	583	7.9%
Persons 85 and over	1,167	2.1%	908	1.9%	259	28.5%

Age Groups, 2000: Percent of Sauk County Population in Each Group



Race:

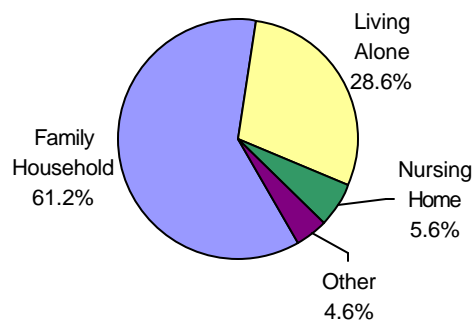
A large majority (99.4%) of Sauk County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Sauk County African Americans have a median age of 26.0 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 21.8 years. Whites, in contrast, average 37.7 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 21,644 households in Sauk County, 5,361 include at least one person age 65 or older (24.8% of all households). A total of 5,047 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 79.0% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (61.2%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 28.6% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.8% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 450 people age 65 and older live in Sauk County nursing homes (5.6% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.

Living Arrangements of Sauk County Residents Age 65+



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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